

Sun Oct 28

Dear Mom & Dad,

We have been having beautiful weather this fall. It hasn't rained for over two weeks, the days are sunny and warm, and the nights are cool. By the way, three planets are visible now. Mars (reddish colored) in the southeast, Saturn to the south, and Jupiter or Venus in the southwest shortly after sunset.

We bought a pressure cooker through one of the oil company ads. It works very well and saves a lot of time. This helps because during the week we don't have much time to fix dinner. Vickie is getting along much better now but still has a lot of work in the evening.

I told you that Vickie bought a table and four chairs. We stripped off the old wax with

paint thinner and re-varnished. I also put new covers on the seats of the chairs. The result looks good and is a lot cheaper than buying new furniture.

I'm leaving on my trip Friday and will be gone two weeks. Another fellow and I are going to Tokyo, Manila, Guam, and Honolulu. I hope to stop in Seattle for a day on the way home.

We are thinking of driving up to Toronto over Thanksgiving and have signed up for an eight day tour to London and Paris starting Dec 14.

Jim